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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.Report for the Month of OCTOBER, 1948.Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R.J. Little), Perth, 1/12/48.

This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages; Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Construction; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Retail Prices Index; Employment; Unemployment Benefits; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1947 was estimated to be 509,132, comprising 261,916 Males and 247,216 Females.

On 30th June, 1947, the population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,528.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	SEPTEMBER		Nine Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Marriages No.	380	407	3,785	3,903
*Rate per 1000 of Population	8.96	9.79	9.84	10.39
Births No.	1,123	1,043	9,653	9,799
*Rate per 1000 of Population	26.47	25.08	25.11	26.08
Deaths No.	426	423	3,579	3,495
*Rate per 1000 of Population	10.04	10.17	9.31	9.30
Infant Mortality No.	32	32	254	302
Rate per 1000 Live Births	28.50	30.68	26.31	30.82
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	10	9	125	105
Cancer	55	59	478	426
Influenza	6	2	18	19
Diphtheria	1	1	6	8
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	34	38	317	316
Arteriosclerosis	12	15	108	124
Diseases of the Heart	143	140	1,085	995
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia	30	20	227	194
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	2	4	19	23
Nephritis	15	19	131	131
Diseases of Early Infancy	17	16	139	151
Senility	9	14	62	95
Accidents	25	27	209	218
All Other Causes	67	59	655	700
TOTAL	426	423	3,579	3,495

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the ten months ended October totalled 752,949 acres, an increase of 167,825 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 5,829,368 acres, a decrease of 1,789,313 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	1,315,753	1,222,228	5,576,133	4,993,494
Revenue per Head of Population	£2/10/9d.	£2/8/3d.	£10/15/9d.	£9/17/10d.
Expenditure	1,560,382	1,422,329	6,503,875	5,545,996
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£3/0/2d.	£2/16/1d.	£12/11/7d.	£10/19/8d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st October amounted to £36,343,439 or £70/0/6d. per head of population as against £36,383,746 or £71/14/5d. per head as at the 31st October last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 27th October, 1948 amounted to £5,889,205 compared with £4,847,428 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds	OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Transfers No. £	1,742 727,619	1,578 816,159	6,410 3,209,629	6,536 3,339,528
Mortgages No. £	831 772,829	1,016 879,926	3,634 3,442,415	4,020 3,880,074
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	728	856	3,291
				3,497

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in Respect of Which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in Respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
<u>1947 -</u>	£	£	£	£
October	1,238,310	854,181	2,878,237	156,911
November	1,142,486	796,547	2,541,336	135,913
December	1,120,213	1,104,042	3,833,345	138,832
<u>1948 -</u>				
January	1,269,393	752,509	3,011,477	175,780
February	1,257,388	864,177	3,248,518	137,796
March	1,093,047	599,259	2,779,556	148,425
April	1,463,655	1,226,320	3,719,757	156,617
May	1,369,377	772,233	3,414,017	155,967
June	1,366,881	1,156,566	3,913,584	162,770
July	1,222,057	834,278	4,304,727	147,595
August	1,535,712	1,104,077	3,564,010	155,618
September	1,412,657	949,181	3,424,681	179,347
October	1,402,699	905,874	3,320,550	164,704

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

51 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £7,179,500 and 22 Foreign Companies were registered during the four months ended October, 1948. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 45 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,194,500 and 22 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	4 Months ended OCTOBER					
	1948			1947		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	8	£ 4,911	£ 1,125	3	£ 2,905	£ 387
Deeds of Assignment (a)	5	23,849	16,184	1	1,804	1,142
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

	JULY		12 Months ended JUNE *	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Gross Earnings (£	386,500	388,700	4,598,896	4,045,935
Working Expenses (£	534,786	429,049	5,570,000	4,423,801
Train Miles Run	573,831	633,166	7,266,209	6,727,963
Passenger Journeys	958,637	1,050,386	14,044,299	13,878,518
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	218,917	241,789	2,700,097	2,427,971
Livestock	11,426	13,850	157,476	148,965
Departmental (Free Freight)	50,603	55,651	545,233	491,781
Total	280,946	311,290	3,402,806	3,068,717
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	30,898,230	36,163,682	396,765,871	347,884,302
Livestock	1,735,729	2,016,207	19,222,313	17,894,148
Departmental (Free Freight)	8,022,430	8,896,198	86,007,786	76,516,168
Total	40,656,439	47,076,087	501,995,970	442,294,618

* Latest Figures available.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
Year 1947	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1948 -	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
January	74	27	1	49	140	124	5	80
February	112	44	3	72	246	151	6	97
March	173	51	6	92	337	159	9	126
April	202	40	3	67	394	147	9	101
May	150	53	6	60	311	163	13	86
June	213	64	4	54	268	126	4	67
July	189	68	6	62	518	368	13	151
August	168	74	7	54	355	242	9	101
September	253	83	7	82	452	238	12	130

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGNS.) *

Date (As at End of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
1947	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
December	21,425	10,075	271	5,321	34,096	33,210	379	8,213
1948 -								
January	21,542	10,134	270	5,373	35,728	32,069	399	8,276
February	21,562	10,159	275	5,437	34,212	33,147	432	8,494
March	21,620	10,080	280	5,430	34,554	33,589	445	8,587
April	21,679	10,051	279	5,457	34,821	33,725	452	8,749
May	21,828	10,106	285	5,467	35,263	34,188	467	8,869
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
July	22,432	10,423	290	5,601	35,025	32,214	500	8,241
August	22,586	10,574	296	5,706	35,907	34,017	512	8,676
September	22,877	10,765	308	5,851	36,533	34,834	531	8,979

* Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles, which comprised for September, 1948 - 127 Cars; 475 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 6 Buses and 3 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Overseas).

Trade of Western Australia, September, 1948 and 1947, and 3 Months ending September, 1948 and 1947, expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
Oversea	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
Interstate	1,845	1,212	5,587	3,432	3,127	1,663	10,655	5,802
TOTAL	5,108	3,019	13,008	9,485	3,486	2,345	11,849	7,971

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors, etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Year 1946	55	£,000 32	1,316	£,000 1,221	52	£,000 82	145	£,000 192	1,568	£,000 1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
1948 -										
March Qr.	66	48	504	552	4	4	88	76	662	680
June Qr.	126	82	627	731	11	33	56	67	820	913
Sept. Qr.	96	62	631	765	22	80	53	134	802	1,041

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings and Other Residential, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.
(Including Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Year 1946	578	£,000 640	186	£,000 140	373	296	227	£,000 172	1,364	£,000 1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
1948 -										
March Qr.	247	320	72	48	245	225	3	1	567	594
June Qr.	295	386	93	70	353	325	5	4	746	785
Sept. Qr.	310	433	81	65	323	315	10	8	724	821

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

2,170,052 lbs. were produced during September, 1948, and 5,496,545 lbs. for the three months ended September, 1948, as against 1,444,893 lbs. and 5,333,888 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1947.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	OCTOBER		10 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Quantity	Fine Ozs.	52,542	59,562	549,633
Value (Aust. Currency)	£	565,480	641,041	5,916,539

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the 10 months ended OCTOBER, 1948 amounted to £582,767. Dividends reported for the corresponding period for 1947 were £568,710.

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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	OCTOBER		10 Months ended OCTOBER		SEPTEMBER QUARTER		12 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
Metropolitan Area	1307	1117	1234	1097	1282	1167	1233	1148
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1423	1254	1372	1229	1383	1270	1338	1248
Northam	1322	1145	1255	1117	1289	1177	1241	1156
Bunbury	1300	1128	1240	1100	1298	1180	1245	1159
Geraldton	1324	1150	1263	1124	1344	1229	1294	1207
Collie	1312	1142	1249	1115	1237	1123	1186	1103

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1947 -</u>			
July	104,271	35,640	139,911
August	104,124	35,816	139,940
September	105,208	35,888	141,096
October	105,646	35,924	141,570
November	105,849	36,308	142,157
December	106,764	36,645	143,409
<u>1948 -</u>			
January	106,732	36,366	143,098
February	106,519	36,527	143,046
March	107,574	36,832	144,406
April	108,141	36,908	145,049
May	109,227	36,880	146,107
June	109,205	36,942	146,147
July	109,375	37,154	146,529
August	108,611	37,073	145,684
September	109,416	37,224	146,640

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS(b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1944	1945	1946	1947(a)	1948(a)	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
January	137	142	145	162	168	826	870	995	1134	1233
February	138	142	148	164	168	824	868	1016	1138	1249
March	139	144	151	166	170	825	877	1045	1145	1264
April	139	144	153	167	171	827	876	1051	1144	1264
May	140	144	154	168	174	832	891	1069	1151	1277
June	139	145	154	167	173	829	903	1087	1153	1277
July	140	146	157	167(a)	174	832	899	1096	1168	1301
August	140	145	159	167	173	832	897	1109	1181	1294
Sept.	140	143	160	169	174	834	914	1114	1172	1302
October	140	141	161	169		837	929	1118	1184	
November	141	141	158	167		851	965	1133	1215	
December	142	145	163	168		886	1012	1165	1267	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1947 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician)

Month	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit End of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1947 -</u>									
January	483	8	491	668	17	685	1,001	26	1,027
February	396	12	408	559	15	574	838	23	861
March	459	13	472	549	13	562	748	23	771
April	342	3	345	314	8	322	776	18	794
May	454	11	465	481	15	496	749	14	763
June	347	10	357	352	7	359	744	17	761
July	404	12	416	366	14	380	782	15	797
Aug. (a)	355	10	365	538	10	548	599	15	614
Sep. (a)	181	5	186	286	5	291	494	15	509
Oct. (a)	179	6	185	233	5	238	440	16	456
Nov. (a)	175	12	187	249	10	259	366	18	384
Dec. (a)	185	7	192	132	10	142	419	15	434
<u>1948 -</u>									
Jan. (a)	335	4	339	392	9	401	362	10	372
Feb. (a)	130	5	135	183	8	191	309	7	316
March (a)	112	3	115	132	2	134	289	8	297
April (a)	93	4	97	143	2	145	239	10	249
May (a)	127	3	130	115	6	121	251	7	258
June (a)	117	7	124	162	8	170	206	6	212
July (a)	128	5	133	141	7	148	193	4	197
Aug. (a)	95	6	101	110	3	113	178	7	185

(a) Subject to Revision.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	19,038	18,990	78,884	76,785
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	16,961	16,157	67,640	65,627

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
October, 1948	7,612	814	188,520	9,389
October, 1947	5,340	377	199,952	10,761
10 Months ended October, 1948	90,201	4,016	674,767	93,390
10 Months ended October, 1947	85,513	3,912	819,481	101,100

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